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PREFACE

It is my great pleasure to publish the Proceedings of the 7th International Symposium on SEASTAR2000 and Asian Bio-logging Science (The 11th SEASTAR2000 workshop) held in Bangkok on March 8 – 9, 2011. There were 26 papers: 9 on sea turtles, 12 on marine mammals (including sea grass) and 5 on fish telemetry in the symposium. The participants were from 7 countries and an international organization. I, hereby, appreciate all the participants. In the Proceedings, we selected and recorded 12 papers: 3 on sea turtles, 5 on marine mammals, 1 on sea grasses and 3 on fish telemetry. The Proceedings are to be registered in the data base in the Kyoto University Research Information Repository as following URL.

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We are performing the Southeast Asia Sea Turtle Associative Research (SEASTAR2000), the Mekong Giant Catfish Tracking Project (MCTP) and the Dugong Biological Survey (DBS) as part of the 21st Century Centers of Excellence (COE) Program (2002-2006) and the Global COE Program (2007-2012). All the species of the projects are heavily endangered and need sufficient degree of protection. They are listed in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Appendix I. However, very little is known of the species whilst the implementation of their conservation is a pressing problem in Thailand and neighboring ASEAN countries. From this standpoint, it is important to discuss mutually with each other among the researchers and administrators of the countries concerned.

We launched the first SEASTAR2000 workshop in 2000 in Kyoto, Japan. Since then the meeting has been held every year. I hope to continue the meeting and create the next generation.

Nobuaki Arai

Secretary to SEASTAR2000



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